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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 173431

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: EWWT, EMIN, ENRG, MA, RO

SUBJECT: WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL OIL SURVEY OFF MADAGASCAR'S
WEST COAST

REFS: A) ANTANANARIVO 1058; B) NOSIC SUITLAND MD 0816512
JUNE 77, C) STATE 133795; D) ANTANANARIVO 1228;
E) ANTANANARIVO 1042

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED SMITH OF WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL
AS PER EMBASSY REQUEST REFTEL E. SMITH INDICATED: 1) THAT
HE IS FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE SITUATION, AS WELL AS THE
ATTITUDES AND PROPENSITIES OF THE MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT;
AND 2) THAT THE FIRM IS INDEED FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS
OF MACDONALD (I.E., CONTINUING SURVEY WORK), THEREBY
HOPING TO EVENTUALLY REALIZE PAYMENT FROM THAT GOVERNMENT.

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2. IN LIGHT OF THESE REALITIES, IT IS DEPARTMENT'S OPINION
THAT NO DAMAGING INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT APPEARS
IMMINENT AT PRESENT, NOR IS ANY FURTHER DIRECT USG
INVOLVEMENT APPROPRIATE IN WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A PRIVATE
COMMERCIAL CONTRACT DISPUTE. THE EMBASSY SHOULD, OF COURSE,
CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS THAT COULD ALTER

THE SITUATION. VANCE

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